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## LOCAL NEWS.

If you see it in the Townsman, it's news to be relied upon; if it is news and so, you'll see it in the Townsman.

Town Pay Day and Selectmen's meeting Monday.

The Burns Club meets to-morrow evening in the Village Hall.

Bena and Ethel Heynway are visiting in Boston this week, at the home of Dr. Crocker at the Windermere.

Monday morning was one of the coldest of the year, the thermometer varying from 2° to 16° below zero.

The famous play "The Prisoner of Zenda" is billed for the Lawrence Opera House next Monday night.

The ice harvest began Tuesday. B. F. Velt cutting on Poor's Pond. The ice is from ten to twelve inches thick.

The concert of the Andover Cricket Club arranged for last evening did not take place, on account of difficulty in securing talent.

The big parade of the Catholic Societies in honor of the visit of the papal legate, Mr. Martinelli, takes place at Lawrence, to-night.

Of Andover's many aged citizens none more sprightly and active than John Chandler who celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday, Monday.

Francis G. Brainerd of Lawrence, has purchased the John C. Hovey house in Scotland District. Mr. Brainerd will make it his summer residence.

Florence Merrill from Smith College and H. G. Merrill from Amherst College are spending their vacation with their grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Merrill.

The New Year's entertainment for the children of the Free Church Sunday School and parents only, will be held in the vestry to-night at 7.30 o'clock.

Installation of the newly-elected officers of Andover Lodge I. O. O. F. occurs Monday evening and a full attendance is desired. A collation will be served.

The Lawrence Primary Teachers' Union will meet at the Lawrence Street Church, Lawrence, Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Lessons for Jan. 3 and 10 will be given.

H. McLaughlin is giving his customers a souvenir calendar, containing pictures of Elm Square in 1860 and also with the old Elm House. They are from the office of the Andover Press.

Papers by Professor George F. Moore and by Dr. C. C. Torrey, of the Andover Theological Seminary, were presented at the meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis held in New York, Dec. 29 and 30.

The Andover Working Girls' Club will hold its next regular meeting at the Guild House Monday at 7.30 P.M. Topic, "How to make the home more attractive." The Executive Committee will meet at 7 o'clock.

A special meeting of Lincoln Lodge A. O. U. W. will be held in the Lodge room Friday evening, Jan. 8th, at 8 o'clock. The subject, "Classified Assessments" will again be discussed. A full attendance is desired.

John W. Tarbox, instructor in mathematics at the Lackawanna School, Scranton, Pa., and Arthur G. Cummings, instructor in Greek at the West Jersey Training School, Bridgeton, N. J., are spending their vacation at their homes.

The attention of the Pynchard Alumni Association is called to their annual reunion which will be held Friday evening, Jan. 29, at the Pynchard School building. All past members of the school are invited to be present and join the Association.

Something novel in the Christian Endeavor social line was the skating party of the West Church Society at Haggotta's Pond Tuesday evening. A large number enjoyed the sport, and an oyster supper was partaken of at the home of Miss Chase.

A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson called at their home on Elm Street Monday evening, the occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding. The visitors were hospitably entertained and a very enjoyable evening spent.

Tickets for the Burns Anniversary go on sale to-morrow. Gents' tickets will be \$1.00 and ladies' 80 cents. The celebration promises to be one of the best in the history of the Club. Tickets can be obtained from members of the Club and at the store of T. E. Rhodes.

The interest which centres about the historic town of Andover is more widely felt since the recent celebration of the anniversary of its settlement. A poem that was written for that occasion by Mrs. Annie Sawyer Downs has recently been published in book form with many unique and hitherto unpublished illustrations and neat designs.—Haverhill Evening Gazette.

Mrs. H. W. Cunningham, is visiting friends in Boston and Providence.

John W. Bell is in Washington, D. C. on a business trip.

By the restarting of Smith Bros., Yonkers, the Smith & Dove Mills will again go on full time in all its departments.

The private school of Miss M. E. Slason will open again on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1897.

The public schools open Monday, the Theological Seminary Wednesday, and Abbot, Thursday.

Miss Jennie Y. Middleton of Philadelphia is visiting at her home on Maple Avenue.

M. Peasey Merrill from Smith College is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. H. W. Boynton.

John H. Chandler, who recently removed to Worcester, is agent for the State Mutual Life Insurance Company in that city.

Bedclothing and wearing apparel have been supplied, through the Andover Guild, to the destitute family, mentioned last week.

The Odd Fellows hold their New Year's dance in their hall to-night. A short entertainment will be given prior to the dance.

Phillips Academy opens again Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 9.30. The day scholars as well as the others are required to report at that hour.

The employees of the Tyer Rubber Co. were pleasantly remembered at Christmas, one dollar being put in each pay envelope.

The installation of Lawrence Lodge, A. O. U. W., which was to have taken place to-night and which the members of the local lodge were to attend, has been postponed until Friday evening, Jan. 15.

In the Police Court Tuesday afternoon, Judge Poor continued the case of Enoch Gibbs, charged with drunkenness until tomorrow, when he will pass judgment on Gibbs and also on Samuel Cheever for the same offence.

In the Intercollegiate Chess Tournament now being held in New York, Arthur W. Ryder of this town is one of the players representing Harvard. Yesterday Harvard lost its first game, Mr. Ryder being defeated by Price of Columbia.

A very pleasant subscription dance was given by the members of the Nymphs Club in the Grand Army Hall last evening. The affair was well managed and just enough were present to make dancing comfortable. Music was furnished by a trio: Miss Gertrude Buchanan, piano; William Thomas, violin, and D. S. Lindsay, cornet. During the intermission refreshments were served.

The fifth annual reception of the Past Officers' Association of the Pynchard Free School Cadets will be held in Pynchard Hall, Feb. 5, 1897. There will be a concert from 7.30 to 8.15, followed by dancing till 11.30. Music will be furnished by the Pentucket Orchestra of Haverhill. Following is the reception committee: Charles H. Eames, A. Russell Ramsdell and Thomas A. Remington.

Prof. Peters will resume instructions in dancing Friday evening, Jan. 8, 1897, at Pilgrim Hall, Musgrove Block. Special attention will be given to any who wish to take the last half of the term. A new line of up-to-date music will be used for the assemblies. Instructions from 5 to 9.30, assembly from 9.30 to 11.30. Appointments for private lessons arranged on application.

The Andover Social Club gave their first annual dance in the Town Hall last evening. The attendance was not very large, but those who were present had a pleasant evening's dancing. The Andover Band Orchestra furnished the music. The dance was in charge of: Floor manager, J. T. McNally; assistant, J. F. Sweeney; aids, T. A. Stewart, D. J. Moynihan, J. Robinson, J. Hilton, T. T. Connelly, M. V. Morrissey, J. P. Carey, F. McManus, T. Mahoney, T. Madden, C. Nolan, J. J. Daly.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowls, of Holland, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I had a gripe which left me in a low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first bottle of it so far relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle effected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Arthur Bliss, druggist.

The newly-elected officers of the G. A. R. will be installed this evening.

Miss Fannie Berry who has been ill at her home is now convalescing.

The veteran wagon builder, William Poor, is the recipient of hearty New Year's greetings to-day, that mark for him ninety-one such anniversaries.

The friends of Ira Abbott will be pleased to learn of his election as consulting engineer of the Bangor & Aroostook R. R. to succeed his brother, the late Job Abbott.

The quarterly meeting of the Andover Home for Aged People will be held at the home of the secretary, Miss Emma M. E. Sanborn, 4 Morton Street, Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 5 P. M.

An accident, which fortunately however did not result very seriously, happened at the residence of J. J. Smith on Central Street last Monday. The family had gone away to spend Christmas, and on their return the servant girl started a fire in the kitchen range attached to which was a hot water boiler. The cold weather had frozen the water in the pipes and the heat burst those in the range, the force of the explosion driving one of the stove covers into the ceiling. The interior of the room was also badly damaged. The girl who was in the room at the time fortunately escaped any injury.

## Talks on Insect Life.

There will be a course of popular talks at the November Club House, by Mr. Frank S. Mills, on insects and the more interesting phases of their life, habits, and economic relations.

Jan. 11.—Physical construction, and the laws applying to insects in general.

Jan. 18.—Life and habits of our more interesting species.

Jan. 25.—Origin and evolution of insects.

Season tickets for the three evenings \$1.00. Single tickets 50 cents. To be had at the Andover Bookstore.

The talks begin at 8 o'clock each evening.

## Weather Record.

Temperatures taken in the morning between 5 and 7 o'clock, and at noon between 12 and 1 o'clock.

1896	MOON.	NOON.	1896	MOON.	NOON.
Dec. 24	'44	'45	Dec. 24	'5	'16
" 25	38	49	" 25	8	20
" 26	42	52	" 26	22	32
" 27	49	53	" 27	Zero	27
" 28	28	52	" 28	6 below	27
" 29	22	46	" 29	20	41
" 30	26	44	" 30	20	40
" 31	60	48	" 31	34	38

After meals you should have simply a feeling of comfort and satisfaction. You should not feel any special indications that digestion is going on. If you do, you have indigestion, which means not digestion. This may be the beginning of so many dangerous diseases, that it is best to take it in hand at once and treat it with Shaker Digestive Cordial. For you know that indigestion makes poison, which causes pain and sickness. And that Shaker Digestive Cordial helps digestion and cures indigestion. Shaker Digestive Cordial does this by providing the digestive materials in which the sick stomach is wanting. It also tones up and strengthens the digestive organs and makes them perfectly healthy. This is the rationale of its method of cure, as the doctors would say. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 a bottle.

There is no feature of a college Glee Club program more entertaining or productive of variety than a funny recitation. This has for some years been lacking in the program of the Dartmouth Clubs. This year however, Mr. Keyes, who before entering Dartmouth attained an enviable reputation in Brooklyn as a reciter, is with the clubs. His funny recitations call forth great applause and the numerous encores he receives show that his parts are enjoyed by the whole audience. Dartmouth's foot-ball team of last fall is by experts ranked first among the teams of the smaller colleges. The entire second base part on the Glee Club is made up of members of this famous team. Watch for their stocky forms and deep rich tones.

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## CHRISTMAS IN ANDOVER.

Special Church Observances. Skating Furnished Amusement for Many.

Christmas Day 1896 was one of the genuine good old fashioned kind, snow on the ground and the glass bordering on zero. Notwithstanding the cold the day was a very pleasant one and the excellent condition of the ice on the river was fully taken advantage of.  
The day was observed by religious services at

## CHRIST CHURCH.

The interior of the church was prettily decorated with evergreen and holly. The altar and reading desks were festooned with garlands and wreaths of the same shrubs. Services were held at 10.30, the rector, Rev. Frederic Palmer, delivering a Christmas sermon on the "Progress and Development of Christianity." Special music was well rendered by the choir, the program prepared by Organist Whitham being as follows:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn  
Kettle in C  
VENITE, Knox  
TE DEUM, Woodward in D  
JUBILATE, Woodward in D  
EXTENSIVE HYMN, "It came upon the Midnight Clear,"  
GLORIA TIBI, Paxton  
OFFERTORY, Hymn, "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks,"  
COMMUNION SERVICE.  
HYMN, "Bread of the World," Hodges  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, Old Chant in Eb  
NUNC DIMITTIS, Barry in C

The musical program was repeated at the Sunday morning services.  
Christmas eve the children of the Sunday School were given their annual Christmas tree in the Parish House. Rev. Frederic Palmer, the superintendent addressed the children, several Christmas hymns were sung, after which Mr. Watts took the part of Santa Claus and distributed the gifts to the children.

## FREE CHURCH.

Contrary to custom, there was no special musical services Christmas Sunday. This usually has been a feature of the service. At the morning service the pastor, Rev. Frederic Wilson gave an address to the children.  
In the evening the usual Christmas Sunday School concert was held and was very interesting. The children in the primary department took a leading part. The collection taken was in behalf of the suffering Armenians.

## WEST CHURCH.

At the West Church Sunday morning, Rev. R. A. MacFadden preached a splendid sermon on "The Completed Year." The choir rendered special music, singing an anthem, "Bringing in the Sheaves." A very successful Sunday School concert was held in the church at seven o'clock, the subject being "The Birth of a Century." All the parts were well taken, the program being carried out as printed in last week's paper.  
The members of the Sunday School held their annual entertainment Christmas Eve in the vestry.

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.

As usual, the services at St. Augustine's Church were very impressive. High mass was celebrated at seven o'clock and again at half past ten. At both these services the singing was especially good, W. A. Leonard's Third Mass in Bb being used. At half past eight o'clock there was mass singing by the choir of the Sunday School. The evening service at eight o'clock consisted simply of vespers and benediction.  
The Sunday morning services were equally interesting and the choir rendered Fr. Dan Leonard's Mass for the first time in a beautiful manner.

The attendance at all the services was large, and, in spite of the hard times, the Christmas offerings were more generous than usual.

## BAPTIST CHURCH.

The hospitality and generosity of the Baptist Church is well-known, and this year was no exception. Christmas Eve was made memorable for everyone, and although the weather was bitterly cold, the church was well filled and all enjoyed a supper, at seven o'clock, furnished by the Ladies' Aid Society. Then followed an entertainment, the program of which follows:

Organ Solo, Miss Sarah Piddington  
Christmas Carol, Choir  
Recitation, Master Charles Stone  
Recitation, Adelaide L. Klein  
Solo, Edith L. Klein  
Recitation, Edith Johnson  
Recitation, Charlotte Thomas  
Violin Solo, Anna J. Stone  
Organ Postlude, Dea. C. N. L. Stone

At the conclusion two large Christmas trees were unloaded and the gifts distributed, no one being forgotten. The members of the congregation remembered Mrs. Klein in a very substantial manner.

From N. H. Argus and Spectator, Dec. 10, 1896, Newport, N. H.:

The concert at the Opera House, Tuesday evening, by the Dartmouth Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs, was by far the most pleasing entertainment given here for many months. Twenty-three Dartmouth boys all told came to town, and they proved themselves to be artists in the musical line. The clubs are certainly keeping pace with the general march of progress so apparent in Old Dartmouth under the direction of their distinguished president, Dr. Tucker. We hope the boys will come again, for we greatly enjoyed them and their performance on the stage and conduct after the concert was such as to always insure them a large audience of Newport's best people.

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Even now the gray dawn of the new year is peeping over the horizon. We can almost hear the bells tolling the midnight mass for the dying year:

Yes, the year is growing old,  
And his eye is pale and bleared,  
Death, with frosty hand and cold,  
Plucks the old man by the beard,  
Sorely, sorely!

Let us affect a gay spirit, if we will. There is an indescribable, unnamable sadness that comes over us all at this dying of the old year. There is a feeling of unspeakable dread, a sense of utter loneliness, that takes possession of our souls as the taper of the old year burns low. If a man ever feels the chill of the supernatural, it is at this time. One hears strange sounds and sees uncanny visions:

Through woods and mountain passes  
The winds, like anthems, roll,  
They are chanting solemn masses,  
Singing, "Fly for this poor soul,  
Fly, fly!"

So Longfellow dwelt mournfully on the passing of the old year, and in like manner did Tennyson bewail its demise:

Full face deep lies the winter snow,  
And the winter winds are wearily sighing,  
Toll ye the church bell sad and low  
And tread softly and speak low,  
For the old year lies a-dying.  
Old year, you must not die,  
You came to us so readily,  
You lived with us so steadily—  
Old year, you shall not die.

Step gently. Death is almost here:  
His face is growing sharp and thin.  
Alack, our friend is gone!  
Close up his eyes, tie up his chin,  
Step from the corpse and let him in  
That standeth there alone  
And waiteth at the door.  
There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,  
And a new face at the door, my friend—  
A new face at the door!

And thus the old year dies and the new year reigns:  
Again the silent wheels of time  
Their annual round have driven.  
The New Year's day is breaking:  
The wave is breaking on the shore,  
The echo fading from the chime,  
Again the shadow moveth o'er,  
The dial plate of time.

And time speeds on—that ever changing, tireless, crunching time; that time of which Milton sang in a voice that is now hushed by time:

Fly, envious time, till thou run out thy race!  
Call on the lazy leaden stepping hours  
Whose speed is but the heavy plummet's pace  
And gird thyself with what thy womb devours,  
Which is no more than what is false and vain  
And merely mortal dross,  
So little is our loss,  
So little is thy gain;

For, when as each thing bad thou hast entombed,  
And last of all thy greedy self consumed,  
Then long eternity shall greet our bliss  
With an individual kiss,  
And joy shall overtake us as a flood,  
When everything that is sincerely good  
And perfectly divine  
With truth and peace and love, shall ever shine  
About the supreme throne  
Of him to whose happy making sight alone  
When once our heavenly guided soul shall climb.  
Then all this earthly greenness quit,  
Attired with stars we shall forever sit,  
Triumphing over death and chance and thee,  
O Time!

And so time goes on and has gone on for ages upon ages. Time chants:  
Before my breath, like blaring flax,  
Man and his marvellous pass away!  
And changing empires wane and wax  
Are founded, flourish and decay.

Time has  
seen some strange mutations:  
The Roman empire has begun and ended—  
New worlds have risen—we have lost old nations,  
And countless kings have into dust been lumbled.

But no matter how we bid the parting year farewell, or how we shall hail the new—no matter how we measure it—time keeps slowly but surely ticking away.

Time, like a brilliant steed with seven rays  
And with a thousand eyes, imperishable,  
Full of fecundity, bears all things onward.  
On him ascend the learned and the wise,  
Time, like a seven wheeled, seven naved car,  
moves on.  
His rolling wheels are all the worlds, his axle is immortality.

Each new year brings us nearer the earthly end, nearer the call of the faithful Bellman, who sings:

Along the dark and silent night,  
With my lantern and my light  
And the twinkling of my bell,  
Thus I walk, and thus I tell:  
Death and dreadfulness call on  
To the general sennet and the drum,  
To whose dismal bar we there  
All accounts must come to clear.  
Scores of sins we've made here, many,  
Wiped out now, God knows, if any.  
Rise, ye debtors, then, and fall  
To make payments, while I call.  
Ponder this, when I am gone—  
By the clock 'tis almost one.  
—Chicago Record.

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**JOHN F. KIMBALL,**

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The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Andover National Bank will be held at their banking rooms, on Tuesday the 12th day of January, 1897, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before them.

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**"The Substance of His House."**

The above title would attract if there was no other reason for a second thought to be given to an interesting book of poems just published by Putnam &amp; Sons. But the Andover reader would see a still stronger reason for a further study of the attractive volume than its rough edges, dainty binding and winning title if he should notice the name of Prosser Hall Frye, an Andover boy, on the title page.

And the interest that will be at once aroused by the local flavor thus given to the book will not cease here, for there is much in the work that will hold the most critical to a further searching of the pages with a constant reward in gems of thought and expression. Mr. Frye's Andover friends will be quick to recognize the genuine merit in this first volume of poems ever published by an Andover author.

From the "Sonnets" in the volume we quote a few lines particularly fitting for to-day:

**New Year.**Enwrap in darkness, girl about with fear,  
The snow drawn like a hood around the face,  
With slowly groping, hesitating pace  
And eyes fixed on the darkness like a seer  
Who reads in the future as if near.The promise of a peaceful resting place:  
So like the others of his short-lived race  
Moves on to dissolution the Old Year.If thou now goest down to meet the dead  
And tell them of the living they have known,  
Forget not him who sadly sat alone  
In the dark dead midnight to see thee go—  
Be not forgetful of the life he led  
That happy he is listening and know.**Editorial Cinders.**

A happy New Year.

Dr. Little's election as a Visitor at the Seminary will give pleasure to many Andover people, with whom he is very popular. It is a wise choice.

It is a good kind of a New Year's gift the Smith &amp; Dove Company are making in their announcement of a start-up on full time. Keep it up all the year.

We would call the attention of our readers to the popular talks about insects and insect life, to be given next month at the November Club House, by Mr. Frank S. Mills. The subject is one about which there is a great lack of information, in comparison with its interest and importance. The talks, although primarily instructive, will be of a peculiar nature, and should be highly entertaining and interesting. They will be illustrated by outline drawings, and on one of the evenings Mr. Mills will exhibit some enlarged and finely executed water colors. These have been especially prepared for him from specimens taken from his collection. Further information will be found in another column.

**Farmers' Institute.**

The opening farmers' institute of the season of 1897, under the auspices of the Middlesex North Agricultural Society, will be held in the Baptist Church at North Tewksbury, Wednesday, Jan. 6. Rev. A. E. Reynolds will welcome the visitors at 10 o'clock and the address of the day will follow by E. D. Howe, Master of the State Grange, who will speak on "The Reflections of a Modern Hayseed." In the afternoon there will be a general discussion. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the Baptist society. At noon an opportunity will be given to visit C. I. Hood's celebrated farm. Barges will run from Lowell to North Tewksbury for 25 cents round trip, leaving North depot at 9 o'clock, and Merimac Square at 9.15.

**Calendars and Coupons.**

So many beautiful calendars and entertaining novelties have been issued by the proprietors of Hood's Saraparilla, that we are hardly surprised to receive this season not only one of the prettiest designs in calendars, but with it coupons which entitle the recipient to attractive novelties. Every one who gets a Hood's Saraparilla calendar for 1897 secures something that will prove interesting and valuable as well as a beautiful specimen of the lithographer's art. The calendar is accompanied this season by an amusing little book on "The Weather." Ask your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calendar, or send 6 cents in stamps for one of C. I. Hood &amp; Co., Lowell, Mass.

**STEAMER NO. 1 CONDEMNED.**

Boiler Inspector McCabe Declares Fire Engine Unsafe for Use.

After 25 years of hard service steamer No. 1 of the fire department has been declared unsafe for use in its present condition and repairs involving an expenditure of \$700 or the purchase of a new engine will face the taxpayers at their annual meeting.

For some time the engine has been giving more or less trouble and has necessitated the outlay of a good deal of money for repairs beside causing delays at times when minutes were priceless. Just to know how reliable the old engine was, Inspector McCabe of Lawrence thoroughly tested and examined the steamer and found that the boiler was in a very defective state, in fact, liable to give way at any moment.

To replace the boiler will cost in the neighborhood of \$700. The engine is an old one, a Jacket, of the single pump pattern and to the engineers' minds, the expenditure does not appear to be a wise one. They will recommend the purchase of a new second class engine of the most improved type to take the place of the old engine just condemned. Such an engine will cost about \$400.

**More Plans for the Ridge.**

The following in regard to Indian Ridge, is an extract from a personal letter written by Rev. Leverett Bradley, formerly pastor of Christ Church:

"I am glad to know that Andover is moving to secure the ownership of Indian Ridge. It is a wise step to take and one that can never be regretted, and I hope it may be successful.

I have no thrilling remembrance to give of its charm and advantage for a recreation ground, tho' I am not unmindful that in my Phillips Academy days, I often strolled along the Ridge and now and then played 'tag' there with my classmates.

It seems to me that the emphasis for its purchase should be based upon present and, especially, future advantages to the good people, young and old alike, of the town of Andover. Now is their chance to save it from the hands of despoilers. Andover people are too solidly commonsensical not to interfere with an action which they and their children will, otherwise, always regret. That means that they will surely secure 'The Ridge.' If they do not, then I must change my judgment of Andover."

LEVERETT BRADLEY,  
Philadelphia, Dec. 18.**To the Editor of the Andover Townsman:**

DEAR SIR: Perhaps it is true that the children of these days do not go into the woods as freely as they used to when I was young, but is it not a loss to them, and is it not a pity to deprive them of all the opportunity to go, as will soon be the case in Andover if Indian Ridge is cut bare? I do not willingly lose out of the influences in my life, the sweet light of tender spring afternoons on the Ridge while the hepaticas peeped out of their winter hiding places, nor the joys of watching the squirrel play close by as I sat on some old log in the autumn stillness. They do not know what they have lost in the old Pomp's Pond, lying still and mysterious in the shadows of its big pines. They do not know; and shall we not defend them from knowing in this case?

We teach them from Burroughs and Abbott and Olive Thorne Miller and many others, but we threaten them with the loss of their chance to see and read for themselves all that makes those written words so helpful and soothing. I confess that while the geological value of the Ridge is great, its value as a bit of nature from which children can study and learn to love the life of wild things, is to me the stronger argument for its preservation. And I add my earnest hope for the success of the effort to save it.

Very truly yours,  
EMILY A. MEANS.**Wedding.**

DODGE-BODWELL.

A pretty home wedding took place Christmas Eve at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis Bodwell on Park Street, when their youngest daughter Ella Murch, and Frank Edward Dodge were united in marriage.

Rev. Frank R. Shipman performed the ceremony using the Episcopal service, in the presence of the families of the contracting parties and a few very intimate friends, from Salem, Worcester, Lawrence, Linden, Wakefield and town.

The bride was very becomingly attired in a white corded silk, wore a veil and carried a bunch of roses. She was attended by her cousin Miss Lindy G. Hall as bridesmaid, while her brother Horace C. Bodwell performed the duties of best man. After the ceremony a wedding lunch was served.

The groom is our well known mason and builder, having succeeded to the business of Moore E. White some time ago. The bride was for several years, a compositor at the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN office.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge were the recipients of many pretty gifts. They will make their home with the bride's parents on Park Street.

When in want as to where to buy a good overshoe or rubber tire George H. Woodman, the leading shoe man, Lawrence. No better place in this vicinity.

**NEW SEMINARY VISITOR.**

Rev. Arthur Little, D. D., to Succeed the Late Dr. Quint.

The trustees of the Andover Seminary have elected Rev. Arthur Little, D. D., of Dorchester, a member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Little was born at Boscawen, N. H., May 24, 1837, and was ordained a minister in 1863. He was chaplain of a Vermont regiment in the Civil War after the close of which he held a long pastorate at Fon du Lac, Wis. From there he went to Chicago where he staid about ten years. He came to Dorchester in 1889 and has been prominent in Congregational affairs around Boston ever since. His appointment will be approved by all who know his broad character and ability.

**Evening School Assured.**

At the Guild House on Brook Street Tuesday evening, Rev. Frederic Palmer, Rev. F. A. Wilson and Mrs. S. J. Bucklin received persons who wish to join classes in the evening school. A sufficient number presented themselves to practically ensure the starting of the school early in January.

There is every indication now that classes will be formed for instruction in English grammar, reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, American history, mechanical drawing, and possibly in geometry. Classes in reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic, under the instruction of Misses Mabel and Alice Carter, will meet Thursday evening, Jan. 7, at 7.15 o'clock.

The class in millinery will meet Thursday evening, Jan. 7, at 7.30 o'clock, under the charge of Mrs. F. J. Spollett, of Lawrence, who has recently successfully conducted a similar class in the Working Girl's Club of the Episcopal Church. All who wish to enter this class should be present at the first lesson.

Those who desire instruction but were unable to attend the meeting Tuesday evening and wish to make an application for admission to the school should send their names at once to either one of the committee.

**"Is Andover Interested or Not?"**

I have just learned that the steam sawmill with a great gang of men is even now doing its deadly work in the cemetery grove, laying low at one fell swoop the trees injured by the fire, the mighty monarchs of the forest solid and sound to the core, and the supple young growth that Nature is nourishing there to restore her equilibrium.

That charming bit of thoroughfare on the east side of the cemetery will doubtless be despoiled of its loveliness and its shade.

Is this town so poverty-stricken that it needs the paltry sum that all this beauty will bring when rated at the market value of lumber and fire-wood?

Why complete the ruin that some irresponsible vandal had only begun?

Why systematically make the desolation more desolate?

What will be the next move? Will the ground be cleared of stumps and their places filled with more of those pitiful caricatures of God's trees, patterned after the monstrosities in the Noah's Ark of our childhood?

A skilled forester would have taken in at a glance the possibilities of the spot after the fire. Under the direction of such an one, without doubt the healthy trees would have been spared, the injured ones carefully removed, the too thick growth judiciously thinned out, and young trees set out where needed to replace those destroyed. A choice bit of scenery vying with that of Mt. Auburn and Forest Hills in picturesque beauty might thus have been left for future enjoyment.

Would it not be well to change the name of the cemetery at once, as has been suggested by one of our citizens? There is no grove, soon there will be no spring, and in time there will be no cemetery, for no one will want to be buried there.

Indian Ridge is now the only beauty spot left near the town—I wish I could say unmarred. Save it at all hazards, if only to preserve a relic to show to chance Summer visitors as a specimen of the fair spots that once surrounded Andover! Without one such living proof of past beauty, no one would for a moment believe that an intelligent community could have so recklessly destroyed its own fair inheritance.

SARAH NELSON CARTER.

**Card of Thanks.**

The undersigned wishes to express his thanks to all those neighbors and friends who aided him with their kindness and sympathy at the time of his recent bereavement.

DANIEL J. MAHONEY.

Many merchants are well aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry &amp; Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers, as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold, and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Arthur Bliss, druggist.

**NEW SHOE INDUSTRY.**

One Thousand More People May Be Employed at Ballard Vale May 1.

A new industry for Ballard Vale was discussed before about sixty citizens at a meeting in the lower Town Hall Wednesday evening. John S. Stark presided. Enough interest in the project was shown to appoint a committee to investigate the matter and report at a future meeting.

A party of out of town gentlemen, interested in establishing a plant for the manufacture of a storm shoe which they have patented, appeared and introduced their attorney who explained the proposed enterprise. He began by speaking of the merit of the shoe which is to be manufactured; if a plant is established, and then described a sample shoe, which was afterwards given to those present to inspect.

The attorney said that the gentlemen interested in the scheme had visited Ballard Vale many months ago and had, after a thorough investigation, decided that the town was admirably adapted for the site of the factory. The freight facilities and the price of coal were found to be all they could desire. At that time they secured the option on the old hat factory and have since made many visits to Andover to ascertain the feeling of the citizens regarding the matter. It seemed to the gentlemen that sufficient stock could be raised to equip the plant and they decided to submit the project to the people of the town.

The attorney then explained that the company is a reliable one, incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. It has secured a patent on its goods which cannot be broken. The gentlemen interested invited investigation, he said. They were convinced of the value of the opportunity and would offer the people of Ballard Vale and Andover a chance to make a good investment. They estimated that it would take \$15,000 to buy the factory and enlarge it; to equip it with machinery would cost \$25,000 more; to operate it much more.

It is proposed to offer \$100,000 worth of the company's stock for sale at \$5.00 a share, or half the par value. In this way the gentlemen hoped to secure enough money to purchase the factory and equip it. The company itself would then assume the expense of operating the plant and paying the 1000 hands whom it would be necessary to employ, as 10,000 shoes would probably be turned out every day. It was suggested that the money subscribed be turned over to some trustees to be appointed by the stockholders, who should have control of it and protect the interests of the subscribers until the concern should be able to pay dividends, when the money subscribed would revert to the members of the company.

The company would agree, the attorney continued, that no more than this \$100,000 worth of stock should be placed on the market at less than par. The plan is, to begin to manufacture on or before May 1, 1897.

Evidence was produced to show that A. C. Barrie, the buyer at R. H. White's in Boston, the firms of Houghton &amp; Dutton and Downing &amp; Dodge, were convinced that the shoe it is proposed to manufacture is bound to be a good seller. Even if this shoe should not sell, the attorney argued, it would not necessarily follow that the money invested would be lost for the machinery would be there and it could be adapted to manufacturing other shoes for which there is already a demand. He felt assured, however, that once they got to manufacturing the new shoe they would never have to fall back upon others.

Many gentlemen in town, he said, had been approached by those interested and all had shown a desire to have the scheme succeed. The local shoe dealers, he added, had endorsed the shoe and had said they firmly believed they could sell it.

An opportunity was given all who wished to do so to sign a petition which would indicate that they wished to subscribe to the stock, the number of shares they desired, to be determined upon later.

On motion of H. Bradford Lewis a committee of five was appointed to investigate the standing of the company and the value of the patents issued to it. The following were chosen to serve: James E. Dennison, chairman, George W. Foster, William Odlin, H. Bradford Lewis and Dr. C. H. Shattuck. After the meeting adjourned the committee met and decided to confer with the gentlemen representing the company in Boston to-morrow. They will call another meeting and submit their report as soon as possible.

The petition, which is now in the hands of J. E. Sears, was not very generally signed Wednesday night, the citizens seeming to prefer to wait until their committee reports. There was much interest shown in the scheme, however, and many admitted that they would probably take some stock.

Ballard Vale was well represented at the meeting. Mr. Charles Greene said that he was always interested in the welfare of Ballard Vale and he hoped it would prove best to locate the new shoe manufacturing there. The village had seen several reverses, he continued, but he trusted the new industry would be well managed and prove a success.

**Birth.**

In Andover, Dec. 28, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Carpenter.

**Death.**

In Denver, Colo., Dec. 12, Elizabeth M., wife of Charles C. Towle, formerly of this town, aged 35 years, 1 month, 13 days.



## WHERE TO BUY AND SAVE

The time has come to inaugurate a Gigantic Clearance Sale of our Entire Stock. The whole month of January has been chosen for this sale, which begins Friday morning, January 1st, at 9 o'clock. Store closed all day Thursday to prepare for it. Not a department is exempt from the terrific price-cutting—not an article but is price-hurt. January is the month to spend money to save money if you come to the Bargain Emporium to spend. It's almost needless to name any of the counters where big savings may be made.

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Bargains in Table Linens and Towels.

Bargains in Plain and Fancy Dress Goods.  
Bargains in Wrappers and Waists.  
Bargains in Boy's Knee Pants and Children's Dresses.  
Bargains in Dress Goods and Umbrellas.  
Bargains in Tea, Dinner, and Toilet Sets.  
Bargains in Glassware and Tinware.  
Bargains in Jarliners and Fancy China.  
Bargains in Japanese Goods and Delft Ware.

Every article which we shall sell in January will be a bargain to the buyers. We can't make money by this sale; selling prices in many cases won't equal cost. Our object is to reduce stocks. Will you help us and help yourself at the same time? It's an opportunity worth improving—a golden chance to save. Watch the papers.

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### Elections.

A. O. U. W.

Lincoln Lodge A. O. U. W. elected officers at their meeting Monday evening as follows: P. M. W. Daniel Hilton; M. W., Geo. C. Foster; Foreman, Stephen Jackson; Overseer, Robert Taylor; Guide, Reuben Eastwood; Recorder, E. E. Trefry; Receiver, T. E. Rhodes; Financier, Ira O. Gray; I. W. J. W. C. Smith; O. W., Robert Holt; Trustee for 3 years, Stephen Jackson; Representative to Grand Lodge, Daniel Hilton.

Three candidates were admitted to membership, three made application and three applications are pending.

L. O. O. F.

Monday evening the Odd Fellows elected the following officers: N. G., Frank M. Smith; V. G., F. H. Knight; Secretary, Abbott Erving; Financial Secretary, W. Byron Morse; Treasurer, George E. Holt; Trustee for 3 years, Arthur Bliss.

At the installation Monday evening the minor officers will be chosen.

### Obituary.

LUCEY TOWNE WOOD.

Mrs. Lucy J. Wood died at the residence of her brother, Rev. Joseph H. Towne, on Salem Street, Thursday, Mrs. Wood came to Andover last September from Boston where she was born nearly 70 years ago. She was the youngest sister of Dr. Towne.

The funeral services were held Monday morning at the residence of Dr. Towne and were private. Interment took place in the Wood family lot in Forest Hill Cemetery, Boston.

JOHN O'CONNELL.

The sudden death of John O'Connell from heart disease Monday morning came as a surprise to many people in town.

Mr. O'Connell had lived in Andover nearly half a century. He was born in Ireland in 1824 and in 1846 came to America going to Lawrence upon his arrival. Soon after he moved to Andover where he started in business as a wheelwright. Ill health compelled him to give up his business last summer, his son Arthur succeeding him. Deceased was widely known among Andover citizens.

He is survived by four sons, William, John, David, Arthur and two daughters, Mrs. James Abercrombie and Mrs. David Warden. Mr. O'Connell survived his wife but a short time, her death occurring two months ago.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Augustine's Church, Rev. Thomas A. Field celebrating high mass. The four sons acted as bearers. Interment took place in the Catholic Cemetery.

JOHN BOWMAN.

John Bowman, who has been employed as a tinmith by M. T. Walsh on Essex Street for a number of years, died suddenly at his home in Lawrence, Monday evening.

Deceased contracted a severe cold and on quitting work Saturday afternoon did not feel well. Monday he grew worse and medical aid was summoned but he died in the evening, death resulting from the bursting of a blood vessel in the head.

Mr. Bowman was a native of Scotland and was a man of a quiet retiring nature. His body was brought to Andover and interred in Christ Church Cemetery, Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Shields, an eminent physician of Tennessee says: "I regard Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best blood-medicine on earth, and I know of many wonderful cures effected by its use." Physicians all over the land have made similar statements.

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### GRAND CONCERT.

Splendid Performance by Prof. Manning's Vocalists at the Free Church.

One of the finest concerts which an Andover audience has been privileged to hear was given in the vestry of the Free Church, Wednesday evening under the leadership of Prof. Manning of Boston, who is at present conducting a class at the Free Church.

The concert was postponed from the sixteenth on account of the storm and the audience was not as large by any means as the high standard of the performance entitled it to. All of the performers were in excellent voice, Mr. Had dock being compelled to forego his solo "My little Woman" on account of a cold and this was a disappointment, as his singing before had made him a favorite. Mrs. Child, another favorite, and Miss Mackin sang beautifully, but the gem of the evening undoubtedly was "For all Eternity" by Mrs. Farrar, with violin obligato by Mr. Wells. The duet "Near and Dearest" and the trio "The Bold Fisherman" were also taking numbers. The violin solo by Mr. Wells was of a high order and admirably executed. The artists were frequently encored and the last number was so enjoyable that the trio were compelled to sing it three times. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the rare treat.

Quartette, "Sky Lark's Song" Mendelssohn. Mrs. FARRAR, MISS BENNETT, MR. MANNING, MR. HADDOCK.

Duett, "Sunset" MISS BENNETT, MR. PRIOR.

Trio, "Floating o'er the breath of evening" Mrs. FARRAR, MISS MACKIN, MRS. CHILD.

Violin solo, "Spanish Dance," Moszkowski. MR. WELLS.

Duett, "Night of Joy" MISS MACKIN, MRS. MANNING.

Song, "Alas" MISS MACKIN.

Song, "Shall we ever meet again," Johnson. MR. PRIOR.

Song, "Because I love you" HAWLEY.

Violin solo, "Cavatina" RAFF.

Song, "Fast and a Future" DE KOVEN.

Song with violin obligato, "For all Eternity" MASCHERONI.

Duett, "Near and Dearest" CARICIA.

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### BALLARD VALE.

Ralph Ross and James Bonner skated up the river to Billerica last Monday.

H. M. Haywood has been harvesting his ice during the past week.

E. Bentley Pearson has been visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Neal spent Christmas with relatives in Lowell.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Daley, Saturday.

Mrs. L. A. Wilson is visiting her sister in Somerville.

Miss Grace Goodhue has been spending the week with relatives in Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith spent Thursday with friends in Haverhill.

Miss Alice Bell has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw.

Robert Falconer, who has been visiting relatives in Scotland, spent Wednesday with friends in the Vale.

Communion service at the Congregational Church next Sunday, when three persons will unite with the church.

George Lawrence left town Wednesday to accept a position in Westboro, Mass.

Mrs. Della A. Dunn of Cliftondale is visiting her brother, Rev. Arthur L. Golder.

Robert Ewing of Plymouth has been stopping for several days with his parents on Andover Street.

Sherman Goodwin returned to Bangor, Me., Friday afternoon. He preached in Oldtown last Sunday.

George Riley of Westboro spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Riley, River Street.

Anniversary masses were held at St. Joseph's Church last Monday for Patrick Moran, and last Tuesday for Mrs. Margaret Luby.

Robert R. Clemons, wife and child of Southbridge have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clemons, Marlboro Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Grinated and Miss Florence Sharp of Orange, N. J., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greene, Central Street.

Considerable interest is manifested in regard to the new enterprises for the Vale, and it is certainly hoped that they will be of such a character as to be a lasting benefit to the Village.

There was a large attendance at the concert, in the "Bradlee Course" last Wednesday evening by J. W. Maynard and C. E. Coffin, the popular blind vocalists and instrumentalists. The imitation of life and drum by Mr. Maynard as well as the harmonica solos, and the imitations on a number of instruments by Mr. Coffin were especially fine and received the hearty encores that they deserved. It was one of the very best concerts ever given in the Vale.

The public schools will open next Monday morning. On account of the resignations of Miss Ethel Warren and Miss May Pillsbury there will be two new teachers in the Vale this term. Miss Pearson of East Pepperell, Mass. will teach the 5th and 6th grades in the place of Miss Warren. Miss Downs of Contoosook, N. H., will teach the 4th and 5th grades in the place of Miss Pillsbury. Both Miss Pearson and Miss Downs come very highly recommended and will, no doubt give satisfaction, as great care and pains have been exercised in their selection.

Mrs. Johanna Holland died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Dane, last Saturday morning at 8.15 o'clock. The deceased was 86 years old and was one of the oldest residents of the Vale having lived here 47 years. For the last 5 years she has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Dane. Mrs. Holland will probably be remembered by many, through her husband, who was a blacksmith and worked in the shop which formerly stood on the present site of the Congregational Church. Funeral last Tuesday forenoon from St. Augustine's Church. Interment in the Catholic Cemetery.

There was a large attendance at the Christmas tree of the Congregationalists in Bradlee Hall last Thursday evening. The entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music, an exercise by the young men, and a short drama of one act from Ben Hur, by the young ladies, which was without doubt the feature of the evening's program. Everything on the platform was very tastefully arranged, and the scenery which was painted by Rev. A. L. Golder added greatly to the pleasing effect. The shouts of joy and surprise from old as well as young were proofs positive that each one present entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion.

**MERRIMACK MUTUAL**

**FIRE INSURANCE CO.**

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for the choice of Directors and for the transaction of any other business that may come before them, will be held at the office of the Company in Andover, on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

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## CAR COMPANY INSOLVENT.

Heavy Losses by Fire and Recent Depression Cause Ruin.

Laconia, N. H., Dec. 29.—The Laconia Car company was petitioned into involuntary insolvency yesterday, the petition being filed with Judge W. H. Fellows of the probate court. This action became necessary in order to dissolve five attachments by creditors prior to the time when the company went into the hands of Receivers John T. Buntel, Dennis O'Shea and Perley Putnam Oct. 5. These attachments would have matured in a few days. According to a statement made by the officers of the company at the close of business Oct. 5, the total resources of the company were \$407,451.31; the total liabilities were \$417,614.21, leaving a balance of excess of liabilities over resources of \$10,162.90. The filing of the petition in insolvency means that unless a settlement with creditors is effected before the return day of the petition in court for hearing, Jan. 19, 1897, the whole matter will be settled through a regular course of insolvency proceedings.

The company was founded in 1848 by Charles Ranlet on a small scale. About 1860 the late John C. Moulton succeeded to the business. Mr. Ranlet having died. In 1859 Perley Putnam purchased Mr. Moulton's interest and capitalized the company on a basis of \$200,000. In late years the company has employed between 600 and 700 men, with an annual payroll of \$200,000. The product of the plant was from 1200 to 1500 freight cars annually, and that of the malleable iron foundry, \$125,000 annually. The entire plant covers about eight acres. The company has suffered severely from extensive fires, particularly so in late years, and in each instance the insurance failed to cover the loss. Nevertheless new buildings, erected in each instance, have been on a more extensive scale, as well as being more substantial. Competition, with recent business depression, largely accounts for the present embarrassment.

McKinley's Inauguration Suit. Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—The Commercial-Tribune says: The inauguration suit that Major McKinley will wear March 4 next will be woven especially for the occasion by the McKinney Manufacturing company of New York, and will be a single weaving. It will be of American grown wool, and no more will be woven than will suffice to make the suit. When woven the cloth will be sent to the major's tailor, and by him the suit will be cut and made. This is authoritative, and puts an end to all controversy upon this subject.

Senator Gallinger at Home. Concord, N. H., Dec. 31.—United States Senator J. H. Gallinger has returned to this city to look after his re-election, which will come, he says he feels sure, by the unanimous voice of the Republican senatorial caucus. He does not expect to return to Washington for two weeks at least. Senator Gallinger said he had no doubt that the Cameron Cuban resolutions would pass the senate before March 4. The senator is equally confident that a tariff bill will be passed at the extra session.

Suicide Runs in the Family. Malden, Mass., Dec. 28.—John C. Brasington attempted suicide yesterday by gashing his left wrist with a razor at the home of his father, H. B. Brasington. The young man was so weak from the loss of blood that he was removed to the hospital. Despondency is the probable reason for his act. Several weeks ago his sister Maud committed suicide in this city by shooting herself. Brasington is 23 years old and has lived here less than a year, previous to which he resided in Salem.

G. A. R. Annual Campfire. Boston, Dec. 28.—Department Commander Derby of the Massachusetts G. A. R. announces that the annual encampment of this department will be held in the Worcester theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 10 and 11, 1897. Commander-in-Chief General Clarkson is expected to be present on this occasion. Ward Post 10, G. A. R., of Worcester will entertain and hold a mammoth campfire. The closing event will be the banquet in Mechanics hall.

Nun's Vicious Sacrifice. London, Dec. 30.—According to a Rome dispatch to The Daily News the Voice della Verita, the Vatican organ, says that the pope in a recent speech explained his longevity thus: A nun who had always enjoyed health visited him two months ago, saying that she had offered herself as a sacrifice to God in order to prolong the pontiff's life. God had signified his approval and the nun had died while he himself still flourished.

Found Dead in His Room. Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 28.—Michael Harney, 40 years old, was found dead in his room yesterday afternoon. He was last seen on Thursday afternoon, and is supposed to have died some time on Christmas day. He was employed as a teamster, but has lived alone for some time, the whereabouts of his wife and children being unknown to the authorities. Death was due to natural causes.

Penobscot Frozen. Bangor, Me., Dec. 31.—There is a fine freeze on the Penobscot, the ice extending about three miles down from Bangor. It is smooth and clear, and ranges from 6 to 13 inches in thickness. The harvest will probably be smaller than usual, as prices have ruled very low for years past, while 75,000 tons of old ice is still in the houses.

Wife Murderer Inmate. Atlantic City, Dec. 30.—Deputy Sheriff Ashley of this county last night received word that John Rech, the self-confessed murderer, who strangled and buried his wife in the woods near May's Landing, is on the verge of insanity. The derangement is attributed to remorse for his crime.

An Actor's Bequest. Boston, Dec. 31.—The will of the late Wyzeman Marshall, the actor, was filed in the Suffolk probate office yesterday. He gives his property to relatives and friends. He gives the income of a trust fund of \$15,000 to Miss Lucette Webster for her life.

Another Cut at Lynn. Lynn, Mass., Dec. 31.—A cutdown of 10 per cent was made yesterday in the Baker & Clayton shoe factory. Mr. Baker of the firm was the Republican candidate for mayor at the last election, and was defeated.

100th Anniversary of Church. Belfast, Me., Dec. 30.—The First Congregational church of Belfast celebrated its 100th anniversary of parish organization yesterday. This is one of the oldest churches in the state.

## \$60,000 BLAZE AT AMESBURY.

Largest Block in Town Badly Damaged. Merchants' Losses \$50,000.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 28.—The post-office block, the most valuable structure here, was badly damaged by fire yesterday. The loss on the building and on property on the various occupants will amount to \$60,000. J. B. B. and family, who resided on the second floor of the building, narrowly escaped being suffocated.

The fire probably caught from the boiler in the basement, and it had worked well up into the building when discovered. The firemen were obliged to put tons of water into the building before the fire could be controlled. N. E. Collins, clothing dealer on the ground floor, lost \$20,000, which is partially covered by insurance. George Carter, grocer, sustained damage to his stock of \$6000. His loss is also covered by insurance. The postoffice was damaged slightly by water. A. W. Reddy, Jr., lawyer, who had an office in the building, estimates his damage at \$1500, and Dr. Wood, dentist, lost \$1000. J. H. Flava, tailor, places his loss at \$1000.

The building was built eight years ago at a cost of \$75,000. It is owned by Edward J. B. B. and he places the damage at about \$25,000. This loss is covered by an insurance of \$40,000. The Crescent club and other tenants lose slightly by water. The Bon Marche Dry Goods company and other occupants did not sustain any damage. Mr. B. B. and family, who live on the second floor, also lost a few hundred dollars. Their apartments were full of smoke before they knew of the fire, but they managed to reach the street in time.

Ward-red the Wrong Man.

New Haven, Dec. 28.—Three Italians, Antonio Sperano, Giuseppe Maslitzko and James "Arseno," were arrested yesterday on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of Thomas H. Fitzgerald, a prominent organist, who was found dead on Meadow street late Saturday night as the result of a stab in the back. The police are considerably puzzled over the affair, but it is thought that the perpetrators mistook their man. It was learned that the Italians had a row with Michael Keenan and Hugh Brown, two railroad men, whom they chased from Fair to Meadow street, and owing to Fitzgerald's strong resemblance to Keenan it is surmised he was thought to be one of the men and was attacked. Keenan and Brown were also placed under arrest, but were later released, as Coroner Mix, who conducted an inquest, could find no evidence to warrant holding them.

Platt Doesn't Want to Be Senator.

New York, Dec. 29.—Thomas C. Platt was interviewed yesterday as to the basis for a rumor that he had withdrawn from the contest for the United States senatorship. He said that as he had never been a candidate he could not withdraw. "I had calculated upon retiring from political life," he added. "The best evidence of that was my refusal to stand for governor of this state. I do not like Washington life. Since the present fight has been made on the lines drawn the situation presents itself in a different light. I am satisfied that Mr. Choate will not be the next senator. Whoever it will be it will not be Mr. Choate. It is not true that I have sought this position or have worked for it. Any one who knows me knows that this statement is true."

Miles' Shortage—300,000.

Boston, Dec. 29.—The accounts of Frank C. Miles, the missing and defaulting treasurer of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust company, with the brokers are being settled up and attachments upon callaher released. As fast as the sugar stock Miles held on margins is sold the equity is turned over to the trust company, and Miles is understood to have had a surprising lot of sugar. One broker paid \$1700 debit balance yesterday, and \$15,000 Mexican bonds were received. The total takings of Mr. Miles from the trust company are estimated at about \$300,000, but one half of this, it is figured, will be recovered, leaving the loss to the trust company about \$150,000, which is less than the present undivided profits.

Francis Willard's Health Better.

Castle, N. Y., Dec. 29.—In answer to the many inquiries as to the health of Miss Francis E. Willard, Dr. C. A. Greene, her physician, has authorized the publication of the following statement: Miss Willard, since she came to Castle, directly after the St. Louis convention, has constantly improved in health, and is now very much better than she was when she last returned from England.

Valuable Paintings Burned.

Clinton, Mass., Dec. 28.—The 2½-story building of Benjamin T. Ware was destroyed by fire yesterday. The fire got a good headway before the department got effectively at work. Among the valuables destroyed were a number of rare paintings and statuary belonging to the late Stephen Rose. The loss is estimated at \$15,000, upon which there is an insurance. The fire started from a defective flue.

Manchester Merchants Assn.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 28.—The John Roby company, one of the largest dry goods firms in New Hampshire, has made an assignment of all its property and effects without any preferences, to John C. McIntire of Boston. The liabilities and assets are not known. A meeting of the creditors is called for Jan. 5 to decide on what course to pursue.

Lost His Life in Fire.

Claremont, N. H., Dec. 28.—Fire destroyed the farm buildings of Levi B. Farr on Unity road, three miles from Claremont village, yesterday. Mr. Farr, a man 85 years old, who was in the house discovered the fire in the attic and in attempting to put it out was burned to death. The loss is about \$2000.

Dead From Injuries.

Exeter, N. H., Dec. 28.—Marie Leval-Herl, a sixteen year old girl who was seriously injured by being struck by a piece of a pulley which broke last Wednesday in the mill of the Exeter Manufacturing company, died late Saturday night.

Goldstone's Birthday.

London, Dec. 30.—Rt. Hon. William E. Gladstone's 87th birthday was fittingly celebrated throughout Scotland and Scotland yesterday. The Grand Old Man is in excellent mental and physical health.

Early Morning Fire at Worcester.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 31.—A general fire alarm was turned in at 3:30 this morning from Front and Main streets. It was confined to the block in which it started. Loss will amount to \$100,000.

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Few people have the courage to buy a cheap piano after carefully examining a really fine one. A pretty casing is often designed to sell a poor musical instrument. These well known makes combine beauty outside and worth within. Among the first-class ones these three are the most popular—not low priced and inferior, but cheap for their superior quality. These pianos can be purchased from \$300 to \$400, according to size and case—quality just the same. We will rent you one of these famous instruments for three months delivered right in your home for \$15. Medium grade pianos for \$12. Cheap pianos for \$10. If you decide the piano is all we claim for it and decide to purchase, the rent will be allowed as payment on your instrument.

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WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court, for probate, and said administrator has prayed that letters of said court be issued to him, or some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined to accept said trust.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Salem, in said County, on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks in the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court.

Witness, Rollin E. Harmon, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

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Its walls are dim and low,  
Yet up and down its darkened aisles  
The blessed angels go.  
And he who keeps the temple  
Should pray to God tonight  
That faith may light the altar flame  
And hope may keep it bright;  
That love may bring the sacrifice  
Which lords delights to give,  
And all the angels innocent  
May tarry there to live.  
And may no evil spirit  
Have in it place or part.  
What is this temple beautiful?  
The temple of the heart.  
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### A CHINESE ROMANCE.

Ding Dong heaved a huge sigh and sobbed a convulsive sob as he laid his aching head on his weary arms on the table and raked his brain in great agony of spirit. The dies ira had come—his day of reckoning. It was the day before the Chinese New Year's—Feb. 5, according to your calendar—when every good Chinaman must settle up or go up the spout and confess himself dishonored. He owed only a little matter of 100 taels—not pigtales nor cowtales, you understand, but silver taels—equivalent to \$1.80 in American money. If he had that many taels, he would gladly have paid up, for there was nothing small about Ding; but he didn't, and thereby hangs a tale.

If Ding had only possessed the glorious birthright of an American, instead of worrying over such a trifling matter he would have let his creditor do so, get an extension of time, and then settle up at 20 cents on the dollar.

As it was, poor Ding only saw ruin before him and dilapidation of his air castles. Grim despair, like an immense bat, spread her sable wings and overcast his sensitive soul with shadows and dark forebodings.

Ding Dong was poor and an orphan—not quite as poor as a church mouse, perhaps, for he still had something better to eat than hymn books and velvet cushions, but still so poor that the patches on his gown made it look like a crazy quilt, while his back had received such a deposit of oil from his braided hair as would gladden the heart of a Pennsylvania capitalist to strike.

His father was the famous Ding Dung, who had been a mandarin in the service of the emperor. Ding was a true father to the people over whom he was sent to rule, and, knowing that too much money would not be good for them, "squeezed" them on all occasions, thereby growing enormously rich. But, as he was not prudent enough to share his ill gotten gains with his superiors, he was denounced by the censors for malfeasance in office and had his head taken off and his property confiscated.

His mother having died during his father's financial crisis, the younger Ding found himself at the age of 18 a lone orphan and penniless. Now that he had to shift for himself, our hero opened a school and was so far successful that he had plenty to eat and good clothes on his back until ambition and a laudable desire to better his condition prompted him to borrow money to defray the expense of a journey to Canton, where he proposed to test his luck and skill in the public examination. From this literary contest he came out with flying colors. He was no slouch as a scholar, though he might be wanting when weighed in the scales of Mammon. In scholastic attainments he had few equals and hardly any superiors. He had vanquished many antagonists in the examination halls of his native town, where he proved again and again that he could quote Confucius and other sages at a longer stretch than any one, compose poems with greater elegance and ease and write Chinese hieroglyphics with finer touch and finish. He led his class in the examination at Canton, thereby climbing the first rung on the ladder of fame and winning the son-tai's brass button. There remained only two more trials, which, successfully passed through, would land him at the top of the heap, from which he could fatten at the public crib at his leisure.

But his triumph was shortened and his dreams of future greatness were disturbed by thoughts of the debt he still owed, whose interest he had been able to pay by dint of economy, but whose principal he saw no chance of settling before the new year rolled in.

His creditor was no other than his future father-in-law, to whose daughter he had been engaged while the elder Ding was making money hand over fist, and the Ding family seemed to be in the flood tide of worldly prosperity. But when the family was reduced in numbers as well as in means by order of his sacred majesty, the son of heaven, the father of the girl said to his wife, "I told you so," and regretted his haste in making the match. The old gentleman, who went by the name of Ju Dun, was rich and more worldly minded than common. He, too, grew wealthy by "squeezing" the people—not, however, as their father, like Ding Dong, but as their "uncle," whose golden rule was, "Do others or they will do you." He was in the habit of loaning little sums to people in straitened circumstances at 10 per cent per month interest, and by adding this to the principal in case of its nonpayment at the end of the month. By this method of compounding interest he got many persons to give up houses and lands, and even daughters, to him in payment of debts. Those who could not pay up thus had to settle down in the debtors' prison, where they languished in chains and misery until death came to their relief.

Ju Dun was withal a miser and hoarded the money he did not lend as if he were to excel Methuselah in longevity. His clothes were worn as long as they could stand mending. He grudged his wife and only child the very necessities of life. In order to save the expense of a luxurious table and at the same time preserve the appearance

of his family were in the habit of eating the coarsest and cheapest rice and dining on what seemed to be a large fish, but which was made of wood garnished with strips of salt pork and seasoned with sauce, ginger and onion shoots. Instead of meat he had a lot of pebbles fried in the most approved style of the culinary art, which in the mouth of the diner gave a relish to the rice and could be fried over and over again with hardly any appreciable loss of substance.

Being such a grasping usurer and close fist skinflint, or rather skin pebble, one would not naturally expect Ju Dun to view his prospective son-in-law with favor, but there was the marriage contract, which he himself had drawn up with the elder Ding. How was he going to get around it without Ding Dong's consent? He saw no way of going back on his bond at that time or forcing Ding Dong to withdraw from the alliance; but, like the wily rascal that he was, he determined to bide his time and watched for an opportunity to gracefully give Ding the go by.

The opportunity came when Ding went to him to ask for a loan for the purpose of paying his debts, when the following conversation took place, which we will translate for the reader's benefit: "Honored sir," thus Ding Dong began—"I have come humbly to solicit the loan of 100 taels, which your well filled coffers will hardly miss, that I may go to Canton and take part in the coming examination. I felt some delicacy in asking this of you on account of our future relationship, but my urgent necessity has banished all hesitation."

"Young man," replied Ju Dun, "what do you take me for—a gold mine? People don't know how poor I am when they tell ridiculous stories about my wealth. Wealth, indeed! I wish I had only one-tenth of what they say I am worth. I lose money every day. Why, only yesterday a man hanged himself to escape the payment of moneys rightfully due to me."

"I am sorry, worthy sir," returned Ding, "but I am not at all likely to follow that man's example. I have my school, you know, and I propose to pay the tuition fees to you until I shall have wiped out the debt. And, although you may not have the required 100 taels on hand, you can easily raise it. I trust that you will permit your benevolent disposition to do its work in my case."

Ding knew he was administering a rather strong dose of taffy.

The miser seemed to relent a little, saying:

"But I never lend without good security. What security can you offer?"

"None, my good sir, except an order to my pupils to pay you their tuition fees—excepting the little that I shall require to live—and the word of an honest man."

"The last I do not want," said Ju Dun. "It is not negotiable in the money market. But the other security will do so far as the interest is concerned. But how about the principal?"

"I expect, sir, to earn enough to pay it off by the end of this year."

A look of cunning stole into Ju Dun's eyes as he asked:

"If not, what then?"

"I do not apprehend such a contingency," answered Ding.

"Well, I do," said Ju Dun. "I have a mind not to lend you the money. Still, I will risk a little for the friendship I bore your father. But you understand, most talented sir, that in case you cannot pay me the principal before New Year's day our intimate relations must cease, for I will not and cannot marry my only child to a bankrupt and a dishonored man."

The blood rushed over Ding's cheeks and mounted his temples at the bare possibility of dishonor coming to him. He was an honorable young man, was Ding, chock full of fine feeling. It was his misfortune to have had such a father. If he had had his say about it instead of the God who presided over the wheel of transmigration, he would have preferred a more prudent man to be his father. He was no "chip off the old block"—not by a great deal.

He felt humiliated, but nevertheless answered spiritedly, "Excellent sir, if I fail to pay you, I will gladly release you from performing your part of the marriage contract."

"You need not get so huffy over it," rejoined the old man. "Business is business, and it is no harm to let you understand the conditions. Sit down here and write a promissory note with an express condition to the effect that in case you fail to pay up interest and principal in full for value received before the next New Year's day you will renounce all claims to my daughter's hand, and I will try to raise the money for you."

Ding drew his chair up to the table and wrote the note, while the old miser went into the garden to raise the 100 taels. Making sure that no one was looking, he moved a large vase from its position, then unlocked a trapdoor which covered a sort of stairway that led to a vault. This vault held an iron chest, in which all his valuables were deposited. It took but a few minutes to descend, open the box, secure the money and put everything back as it was before.

The note and the money soon changed hands, and Ding went away rejoicing, leaving Ju Dun equally pleased with his bargain, for he had no idea Ding could pay it.

Ding went to Canton and was successful, as has been related. But he found it no easy matter to earn money even after his splendid achievement in the literary arena. He tried hard to get more pupils, but they didn't materialize to any great extent. He tried his hand at fan writing, but fans which were inscribed over with moral and poetical sentiments were a drug in the market. They brought him nothing but the wind of applause. His money was what he wanted. He could not easily get along without some.

Ding worried and worried over that small sum of 100 taels and lost flesh by thinking so much and dreaming so often of the gleaming, treacherous taels.

At length he was reduced to that condition of despair in which our story first finds him.

He sat in that chair immovable and alone. He had sent his pupils home that morning for their long vacation. Thoughts unwelcome and bitter as nut-gall passed in procession before his mental vision, and, like Banquo's reiterated ghost, would not down.

"No," he cried wildly, as if he had debated the matter in his mind and had reached a final conclusion, "there is nothing left me but death!"

Absorbed as Ding was in melancholy reflections and imagining himself already a cold corpse dangling under the branches of some tree, he did not perceive the approach of a little boy until the latter stood beside him and startled him by saying in a timid voice:

"Teacher, father sent me to ask you to come to our house."

Ding raised his head and saw one of his pupils before him.

"What is it you want?"

"My father sends his respects and asks you to favor him with a call. My oldest brother came back this morning from America. He brought home lots of funny things. If you come, he will show them to you."

Glad of this little relief, Ding accompanied the boy to the latter's house and there received a most hearty welcome. The big brother displayed his treasures and enjoyed Ding's curiosity and wonder as he explained the uses and the modus operandi of every article to him. There were a sewing machine, a pair of opera glasses, a contrivance for making hash out of every kind of meat under the sun, a stereoscope, a microscope and a hundred other things besides, that stamp the Yankee as the most ingenious person in all the world. But nothing astonished Ding so much as the little electric machine which sent a thrill through his spare frame and sunk his suicidal purpose in the lowest depths of Lethe. But the phonograph scared him with its peculiar and sepulchral tones. As he stood before the talking machine with dilated eyes and mouth opened wide sweet strains of American music greeted his ears.

Then "Home, Sweet Home," "Annie Rooney," "Rock-a-by-Baby," "Thou Art So Near and Yet So Far" and "What Is Home Without a Mother-in-law?" rolled out in rapid succession. Ding of course could not appreciate them any more than a cat, but the weirdness of the sounds fascinated him. When the concert was ended, he had many questions to ask. The returned traveler kindly showed him everything pertaining to the wonderful machine, told him to talk to it himself and excited his wonder still more by making the phonograph repeat Ding's own words.

Suddenly a thought struck him so hard that he jumped up like one possessed, nearly upsetting the machine and the big brother's gravity, yelling at the same time:

"Whoop-la, whoop-la! I have got it! I have got it! I'll beat that old miser yet."

"Got what?" shouted everybody in the room in a chorus. "What are you talking about?"

"Got him, you know—the old skinflint. I'll have him, by the shade of the great Confucius, or die in the attempt!"

"Explain yourself," said the returned traveler. This Ding did, after taking him aside, by recounting all his troubles from beginning to end, closing with an appeal for aid to defeat the wicked plan of Ju Dun. It was arranged and agreed upon that the traveler should make the machine talk like Quan King, the god who avenges wrongs, when Ju Dun should make his demand for payment of the debt. At the same time a dose of electricity—Edison's best—was to be administered to him as an alternative and mild emetic.

Word was sent to Ju Dun to meet Ding at the latter's residence (which was likewise the school) after dark, without fail.

The two conspirators got ready their machines in Ding's sitting room. The phonograph was set in a corner where it could be manipulated by the returned traveler behind a curtain with the box of condensed lightning beside him. The wires belonging to the last piece of mechanism were so laid on the arms of the guest's chair that any one sitting in it was sure to form a connection between them.

It was dark. The patrolman outside had just struck the first hour of the night watch when a knock was heard at the door. Ding answered the summons, and soon ushered the old usurer into his room. It was dimly lighted up with the stump end of a candle. There was on every side every evidence of poverty. A bed made of hard boards, surmounted by a mosquito bar, nearly filled one side of the apartment. A cheap table held all his books on the opposite side. Two stuff backed chairs stood beside the table, one of which Ding politely offered to his guest, while he took the other.

It was evident that Ju Dun was secretly excited. Ding, of course, had sent for him to beg his mercy. There was no chance of his paying. There was a look in Ju's little black eyes which boded no good to anybody. However, a smile played around his mouth as he opened the discourse and came right down to business:

"My dear young friend, I suppose you are now ready to cancel the note. No? Then you know the alternative. You are a bankrupt, and I renounce!"

Suddenly a voice—a clear but unearthly voice—interrupted him with:

"You hoary headed old sinner, you low born caricature of a man, you old snicker of pebbles, do you know who I am? I am Quan King, the avenger of wrongs, the punisher and destroyer of just such pests as you. I have orders to kill you and take you to hell with me!"

At this point Ju Dun's face was a study, for the electric current was turned on by the conspirator behind the mosquito curtain. He grew as white as the best grade of flour. The sculptor of the Laocoon could not have desired a more horrified and agonized expression

of countenance than the one Ju Dun exhibited for a model.

"Unless," continued the mysterious voice, "you tear up the note which this young man gave you, give him your daughter in marriage inside of a month with a suitable dowry and mend your grasping, blood sucking ways."

These words were enforced with a few more volts of electricity.

"I promise! I promise! Let me go, and I will tear up the note and do everything you command."

The current was broken off at this juncture. His hands now being free, Ju Dun thrust one of them into his pocket, brought out the piece of paper in question and tore it into hundreds of fragments with the other. Then turning to Ding, who had been watching the execution of his scheme in a state of mind vacillating between hope and fear, he bade him come to his house on the morrow to arrange for the wedding.

Ju Dun obeyed the god's commands to the very letter and to this day does not know how he had been tricked.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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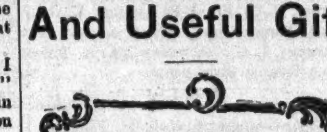
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Schools begin Monday.

There was a family tree at 10.30 o'clock Christmas at the home of S. D. Stevens.

The Davis & Furber plant shut down Thursday evening until Monday.

Moses Merrill has recovered from his recent illness.

Mrs. Guy W. Currier and daughter, Sallie have returned from a trip South.

Mrs. Gould and Miss Jessie Gould returned Wednesday from a visit to Quincy.

The next meeting of the Neighborhood Club will occur at the home of Mrs. Moses Goodhue, Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The Neighborhood Club were entertained in a social way last evening at the home of Mrs. J. C. Rea.

Miss Suzette Jolliffe of Greenfield Seminary has been spending her vacation at Osgood Hall.

Mr. Arthur Bucknam has been the recent guest of Miss Ramadell for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Abbott have been spending a few days with relatives in Lowell.

Ernest Fuller is at home from Bellevue Hospital, where he has been studying.

Miss Hattie Stearns of Manchester, N. H., has been a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Farnum.

Mrs. Harriet Needham is visiting at the home of Principal and Mrs. T. B. Pollard in Quincy, for a few weeks.

Dr. James J. McKone of Tacoma, Wash. is absent on a trip to Japan and is acting as assistant surgeon on the mail steamer Victoria.

C. A. Newhall has transferred one of his outbuildings to the shore of Claypit pond and enlarged and improved it. It will be used as an ice-house.

An advertisement for sub-letting the contract for carrying the mail between the Centre and Depot Postoffices was posted at the Centre Office Monday.

Mrs. Jacob L. Farnum will entertain the Neighborhood Club Wednesday, Jan. 6, and Mrs. Moses Goodhue Wednesday, Jan. 20.

To the delight of the young people there was a pretty Christmas tree in full bloom at the home of T. P. Wentworth, Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Jenness and Miss Mabel Jenness have returned from a holiday visit with relatives in Kingston, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. James Haywood held a family gathering at their home on Stevens Street, yesterday, and it was a right merry one. Nineteen children and grandchildren were given the hospitality of the home.

Mrs. Nellie Stevens was sworn in as acting postmistress of the centre office, Thursday evening. Mrs. Stevens had some experience with her aunt, the late Mrs. Ingalls, and is making a capable and efficient official.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chase of Franklin Falls, N. H., who were married Thursday enjoyed a few days of their honeymoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Edmunds. The bride is a niece of Mrs. Edmunds.

A private social was held in the vestry of the Unitarian Church Monday evening, under the management of Arthur H. Farnham, M. P. Towne, Ralph Robinson, Fred Foss, Albert Currier, Charles Bickford. Berry's Orchestra furnished the music.

Of the evening socials of the Charitable Union thus far this season the largest gathering occurred Wednesday evening. Supper was served and the entertaining features were in charge of Mrs. D. H. Meserve, Mrs. C. A. Newhall and Mrs. Charles Noyes.

Ella J. Watts, who died in Lawrence, Monday, of phthisis, was a sister of Mrs. Hans Christensen of this town. The age of the deceased was 30 years, 11 months and 10 days. Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

At the annual meeting of the official board of the Methodist Church, Wednesday evening, the following officers were chosen: Supt. E. S. Edmunds; assistant, F. W. Abbott; secretary, C. W. Hinckman; treasurer, John Bedell; librarian, Wm. Haigh; auditors, E. S. Edmunds, C. W. Hinckman, Jabez Wagner. A committee to arrange and grade the school, consists of Mrs. J. A. Wagner, Mrs. J. M. Towne and Charles Hinckman.

At a 2 o'clock session of the North Andover Police Court Saturday afternoon Daniel Douvan appeared to answer to a charge of drunkenness Wednesday evening. He pleaded not guilty, but the court found it otherwise. It being his second offense, the case was continued 30 days for sentence. His wife appeared against him and told a regretful tale of neglect because of her husband's love for rum.

Anzo Joseph, the Syrian, whose examination occurred in Police Court Wednesday was bound over to await the action of the grand jury at the January sitting. He does not speak English and the examination was conducted through an interpreter. He was charged with arson. He is thought to be the same man who sought shelter beneath the storm porch at a private residence in Andover, a night or two ago.

There was a home gathering at A. P. Fuller's Friday.

Joshua Paine has purchased a house lot on Washington Avenue, Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilder took their Christmas dinner at the Jensen home.

Edward Adams has been filling the ice houses at Hill Crest.

S. D. Hinckman has sold a canopy top democrat wagon to a man in Windsor, Ct.

George Gould has returned from a visit to Quincy.

Miss Fannie Stevens has returned from a visit with relatives in Fanwood, N. J.

Daniel A. Carlton and J. C. Poor have each purchased a pair of oxen from Edward Adams.

John Duncan, of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, enjoyed the recent holidays at home.

A private skating party from Boston made the Davis camp at Lake Cochichewick their tarrying place Tuesday.

Lodge Deputy Hill of Lawrence will install the recently elected officers of Wauwinet lodge, I.O.O.F. Wednesday.

A select New Year's dancing party under the auspices of Wauwinet lodge occurred in Odd Fellow's Hall last evening.

Mrs. W. G. Brooks of Boston, kindly remembered several friends and acquaintances here with appropriate Christmas gifts.

Many old friends in town were thoughtfully remembered by George H. Gilbert of Sunnyside, Winchester, during the recent holiday.

Lake Cochichewick has turned into a field of ice and hosts of young people have been enjoying the skating afforded for the past few days. The ice is about nine inches thick.

At a meeting of the Girls' Friendly society at St. Paul's parish house Wednesday evening the question of appropriately observing the fifth anniversary or "wooden wedding" of the organization, which occurs Feb. 12 was favorably considered.

The New Year's Party in Odd Fellows' Hall last evening was a success socially and was fairly well attended. The dances were directed by Waldina L. Fernald assisted by H. W. Kelsey, Wm. Mitchell, Walter G. Stone, Thomas Somerville and Thomas Wentworth.

Wauwinet lodge, I. O. O. F., elected officers at their annual meeting Wednesday evening. The staff included: Geo. Rextrow, N. G.; Frank E. Higgins, V. G.; Wm. H. Somerville, P. G.; treasurer; E. D. Sargent, P. G.; secretary; A. L. Fernandes, trustee three years.

There was a session of police court Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, Ellis vs. Smith for assault and at the same session a counter complaint was made, Smith vs. Ellis for being drunk. The court discharged Smith in the first case and in the second released Ellis on probation.

The program given at the meeting of Resene Lodge, Tuesday, consisted of readings, by Marion Paul, Joseph Booth; harmonica solo, Isaac Leach; duet, G. W. Keishaw, Frank Manchester; song, John Mowat. Remarks were made by Mary Crockett of London Lodge, England, and by the Chief Templar of Ballardvale Lodge. Visitors were present from Red Spring Lodge, Andover and other places, and the large attendance made the meeting very interesting.

Christmastide in the Methodist parish virtually closed with the concert of Sunday evening under the direction of Superintendent Edmunds. The recitations were well given, and in the main there was a noticeable improvement in the rendition of the selections chosen which was indicative of careful preparation and interest on the part of the scholars. On one side of the organ was an evergreen cross and on the other an anchor and a star, below which was the word "Welcome," formed a centerpiece. Christmas wreaths on each of the windows completed the decorations.

Saturday was made a day of rare pleasure to Edna Louise Goodhue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodhue, and twelve of her companions and friends. It was the occasion of the young lady's birthday and the old farmhouse under the shadow of Boston Hill rang with the merry voices of a company happy and interested in the pursuit of various games or diverted by vocal or instrumental music. All were served with toothsome viands from a well laden table. The regard of the visitors for their hostess was emphasized by the useful and well chosen gifts which included a silver thimble, gold ring and silver pin tray.

At the age of 84 years, Mrs. Elizabeth Long died Monday at the home off Salem Street. Deceased was the widow of the late Elijah Long, a life-long resident, and although through misfortune a victim of extreme poverty was imbued with a resolute and independent spirit, which led her to eke out a miserable existence in the squalor of what had been so many many years a home to her, rather than accept that charity accorded to a town charge. In spite of the unfortunate circumstances which were allowed to encompass those within this home, even in the midst of an intelligent community, the struggle and strife on the part of the deceased to prevent becoming an inmate of the workhouse had much that was commendable and touching about it. Two daughters and two sons survive. The funeral occurred Wednesday afternoon.

## Festivity at the Churches.

The Christmas holiday passed merrily and agreeably in most cases at North Andover, and as usual was publicly observed by the Churches.

## ST. PAUL'S.

The people of this parish manifested a most gratifying interest in their Christmas festival, and Odd Fellows Hall was hardly able to accommodate the representation, both young and old, who chose to be present Thursday evening.

A few words of kindly welcome from the rector, E. S. Thomas, prefaced the Christmas Eve Exercises, and subsequently Richard "Santa Claus" Hill, gladdened the hearts of the primary scholars with gifts of candy from a gracefully decorated and brilliantly-lighted tree. Ice cream and cake were served in the banquet hall and lemonade was obtainable from Walter Stone in the hall below.

While the tree was being relieved of its sweetness, George Thomas rendered several piano selections. Dancing from 8 till 11, to the music of Partlow's Orchestra, closed one of the happiest of parish festivals. The committee in charge consisted of Miss Sarah Shepard, Mrs. Cogswell and Miss Milner.

## METHODIST.

The exercises at this church were observed from 6.30 until 8 o'clock Christmas evening. A preliminary program included a song by the school entitled, "Christmas;" invocation by the pastor; reading, Miss Marion Paul; song, the Misses Shaw; address, Rev. Mr. Wignall; dialogue between Santa Claus Abbott and his wife, Miss H. D. Brierley; resitation, Selwyn Wagner.

The vestry was prettily adorned with boughs of fir and evergreen and the word "Welcome" was entwined with evergreen. Two symmetrical trees on either corner of the platform were hung with presents, candy and oranges and these were cheerily distributed to the boys and girls by jolly old "Santa."

## UNITARIAN.

Notwithstanding the genuine Christmas cold of Thursday night, a large and merry party of young and old gathered in the vestry of the Unitarian Church to enjoy the parish party and Christmas festival. The vestry was tastefully decorated with hemlock in various ways and at the south end of the room was hung a large and handsome American flag which was presented to Rev. Mr. Noyes by the children.

The Christmas tree occupied the centre of the room and a circle of kindergarten chairs was occupied by the small children, who entertained the audience with recitations and musical selections. A Christmas poem written by Miss Emily F. Carleton and read by Mr. Noyes, and a laughable reading by Miss Carleton entitled, "How the bakers came to get to Church early," preceded the unloading of the tree.

A bountiful supper was served with cocoa for the children and coffee for the elders followed by dancing till quite late in the evening.

## CONGREGATIONAL.

The final effort of Supt. Carney in the line of conducting a Christmas entertainment was quite an undertaking, and was attended with success. The chancellors in the vestry were festooned and the pillars entwined with evergreen and holly, and things generally were suggestive of festivity.

A varied program included singing by the school, address of welcome by Supt. Carney, prayer by the pastor, recitation, "A Track in the Ashes," Anna Field; recitation, "A Christmas Carol," Bessie Rea; declamation, "The Night before Christmas," Herbert McQueston; recitation, "A Telephone Message to Santa Claus," Cora Watts; recitation, "Mrs. Santa Claus," Lettie Drew.

A special feature was the return of St. Nicholas to his home after a long weary trip from down near the Bradford line. He came with an empty pack, and, after a pleasant greeting to all, clambered to the roof of his dwelling and slowly disappeared down the chimney flue. Santa made his home this year just in front of the south parlor and was warmly greeted by Mrs. Nick and his daughters on his return. While resting prior to another trip he was pleasantly entertained with recitations and song by his daughters Mildred, Annie and Eva. Disguised, he then called upon old lady Sallie who lived in a "shoe" which occupied the north corner, and being well received by the old woman and her many children to whom he pretended to be a beggar, he revealed himself to them as the true St. Nick on a lark and directed their attention to a gaily caparisoned tree loaded with candy and lighted with many tapers.

After the distribution of the candy Santa and family broke up house-keeping and Mr. Nick went to stay at the home of L. H. Bassett, Mrs. Nick is with J. A. Ronche, Mildred lives with F. H. Drew, Annie with George Stevens, and Eva with George Lockyer. The old woman also deserted her shoe and is living with Mr. Field, and the children have found pleasant homes with various people in town.

Santa Claus' house was built by the vet. carpenter, John Phillips. Numerous useful gifts were contributed for the use of the Boston city mission. The committee in charge included Supt. Carney, Misses Sargent, Stillings, Morrill, Tucker, Sanborn, Roache, Currier, and Messrs. Stone and Frye.

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Chemist Clark entered the employ of the state department in 1887 and has improved in wisdom as the department itself has improved by experiment and research. The position which Mr. Clark assumes was formerly held by Prof. Drown of Mass. Ins. of Technology. The time will be divided between the two stations, but Mr. Clark will continue his residence here.

Improvements are being made in the private telephone service between the Marland, North Andover and Haverhill mills of M. T. Stevens & Sons. Poles along the highways are being relocated about 33 to the mile and an extra wire is being laid. The work is being done by E. S. Edmunds who has set 250 poles and has about 40 more to locate.

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WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Ellen A. Collins who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond;

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at L. Lawrence, in said County of Essex, on the eleventh day of January, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Rollin E. Harmon, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

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